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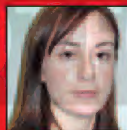
BUT NOW THEY'RE COMING HERE



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ENDLESS TIDE: Migrants at the soup kitchen near Sangatte

EXCLUSIVE

by EMMA BAMFORD
in CALAIS

SANGATTE

Britain." His pal Ali said: "There are hundreds of us here in France who have come up from Iraq in recent months. We want a new life in Britain. We have been told there are opportunities for us there."

"And there are thousands more who will come. We don't care if we get kicked out because we will come back."

As well as the Iraqis there are many hundreds more from across the world.

And, like the Iraqis, they have no plans to find work. Virtually everyone we talked to said they are hoping to live on benefits before studying.

Typical was Ahmed, 17, from Nacarak in Afghanistan, who told us: "I want to go to England to study and make my life."

"You cannot study in Afghanistan - it is difficult."

"So every day we try to get to England by lorry and by ship."

Ahmed told us there are at least 100 of his countrymen in Calais, all trying to do the same as him.

Many hundreds more were hiding in derelict areas and woodland areas around Calais. They stay off the streets because

they fear the French police - who catch them, beat them, then drive them out of town.

But they always walk straight back to Calais, because they are so determined to get to England.

None of the asylum seekers we spoke to would give precise details of how they planned to make their break for British shores.

None seemed to have any money to bribe people to take them.

Deported

But they did admit that hiding in lorries and stowing away on boats were two of the options they were considering.

And a significant number must be succeeding because Piotr Kaziora, 20, a Pole who is helping feed the asylum seekers at the lunchtime soup kitchen, said the faces he sees there change all the time.

"Some people go to England," he said. "But more arrive here every day to replace them."

"One of the men went to England once and was deported. He went a second time and was deported. The third time, he

hasn't come back - so I think he must have made it in."

And the asylum seekers are not all men. Ametay, 30, was with her husband Michael, 22, from Eritrea and she told us that there are about 30 immigrant women hiding in Calais.

There is also widespread unrest between the different nationalities.

Abbas, 25, from the war-torn African country of Somalia, has been in Calais for two months. He told us: "There are more coming - more Kurds and Iraqis. The Kurdish people come here today - and tomorrow they will be gone to England."

"The white and Arab people get across quickly but the black people like me don't. Some are here for five months."

And Piotr, the Polish volunteer, told us that the day before we arrived, trouble broke out at the kitchen when a gang of Afghan men beat up a group of Somalis and stole their food.

Nevertheless, they all persist in following their dream of a new life in the UK.

"I am not happy now," said Ametay. "But there will be happiness afterwards in England."



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Star NEWS



SMILING AGAIN: Romeo and Gabria, below, are back together

Romeo and ex-love are solid again

SO Solid Crew star MC Romeo is back with the mother of his little girl after being cleared of slashing a motorist's face.

And with a prison term no longer hanging over his head, the rapper says he can offer Gabria Habbach and his daughter Aaliyah, two, the security they need.

Romeo, 24, real name Marvin Dawkins, was accused of the knife attack on the motorist following a row in Leicester Square, London.

The jury failed to reach a verdict when the first trial finished in June.

And although the jury in the retrial also failed to come to a decision, it was instructed by the judge last week to deliver a not guilty verdict.

Speaking after the case, Romeo said: "Now I can get back to the more important things in life."

The Daily Star Sunday can reveal that during his ordeal it was Gabria and Aaliyah who helped him

EXCLUSIVE
by SUSAN HILL

through his darkest days and Romeo has decided to give his relationship with the 22-year-old another go.

A source close to the star said: "Romeo has always been a good dad to his little girl. He may not have been in a relationship with Gabria but he's always looked after them both."

"For a while he truly believed he was going to jail. But fortunately he can now look forward to Christmas with his family."

Rival

So Solid Crew shot to fame with 21 Seconds in 2001 but have a bad boy reputation.

In October Romeo's ex-producer Carl Morgan was jailed for life for the murder of love rival Colin Scarlett in South London.

Morgan's co-defendant and So Solid star Megaman, alias Dwayne Vincent, 26, is facing a retrial.

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Coleen: The story behind our Page 1 picture

WHAT A BOT SHE'S LOST



GYM'LL FIX IT: With pilates gear

EXCLUSIVE
by JONATHAN CORKE

SHE ought to change her name to Co-LEAN McLoughlin. Wayne Rooney's sexy fiancée has shed almost a stone after adopting a new, hardcore workout regime. Combining trendy pilates exercises with Thai boxing and flexi-bar workouts, Coleen, 19, is looking fitter than ever.

And, being the kind-hearted beauty she is, she's promised to share her tips with the world by bringing out her own fitness DVD.

If our world exclusive front page picture of the new slimline babe is anything to go by it should be a best-seller. A friend said: "Coleen has worked so hard to get into the shape she's in and she wants to tell people all about it so they can feel good about their bodies too."

Skimpy

The amazing transformation in sexy Coleen, who recently admitted she'd love a part in *Hollyoaks*, came about after she saw a picture of herself taken in February.

Dressed in a pink tracksuit, the Liverpool-born babe did look a little chubby. Months of hard work and sweat in a luxury Cheshire gym followed – three gruelling two-hour sessions every week – and by August the results were obvious.

Pictured on the beach in a skimpy bikini, no one could accuse Coleen, who has been dating Man United star Wayne, 20, since she was a schoolgirl, of being overweight.

And friends say three months on she's in the "best shape ever", having dropped a dress size to a sexy 10. Her pal said: "She's probably fitter than Wayne now as well!"

Her fitness DVD, called *Coleen's Brand New Body Workout*, is out in the New Year.



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CHEEKY: Coleen's bulging tracksuit look was taken in February. The tasty slimmer bikini look was snapped while she holidayed on Mallorca in the summer



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HOLLYWOOD

Tinsel Town Tittle Tattle

By SANDRO MONETTI in Los Angeles

★ **FELICITY** Huffman got so immersed in her new movie role as a transsexual that for weeks after filming she kept going into gents toilets instead of using the ladies. The *Desperate Housewives* actress is being tipped for an Oscar for her performance as Stanley Osbourne in the acclaimed film *Transamerica*.

FRIENDS spin-off sitcom *Joey* is somehow still on the air despite ratings being down 42% from its disappointing first year. The show survives because America's NBC network will have to pay so much money in penalty clauses if they cancel the series that it's cheaper to keep it running.

★ **INSECURE** Catherine Zeta-Jones asks husband Michael Douglas the same question every single day... She reveals: "I always say to him 'Does my bum look fat?' See, I'm just a regular woman."

FILMING blockbuster movie *King Kong* made leading man Jack Black so nervous he kept forgetting his lines. He admits: "I just couldn't remember them and I felt sure I'd be replaced. That first week I kept thinking Viggo Mortensen would be taking over my role any day."

★ **TOM** Cruise and Katie Holmes are huge fans of Barry Manilow. Since they started dating earlier this year, the couple have been to three of his concerts together.

RICHARD Gere has mastered many new skills for his various movie roles but learning to play the violin for latest film *Bee Season* was beyond him. He says: "I figured I could learn any skill with a little training but I was so pathetic at this that my kids were begging me to stop."

★ **OPRAH** Winfrey decided the audience at her TV show weren't well dressed enough for the taping of an episode featuring an interview with George Clooney. So she moved the scruffs to the back and filled the front rows with stylish and sexy members of her own staff.

KIEFER Sutherland has been playing online poker for money in his trailer during breaks in filming on the new series of *24*. Asked how much he'd won in his latest game, Kiefer replied: "Almost as much as I lost when playing yesterday."

★ **REFORMED** drug addict Robert Downey Jr can't believe he's been given a second chance by Hollywood and still has a thriving film career. He reckons: "What I should be by now is this embittered, unemployable guy arguing with some hooker outside a hotel and scrambling for a syringe."

SUPERMODEL Tyra Banks has launched a self-esteem camp for 13 and 14-year-old girls who are low on confidence. Explaining her reasons, Tyra said: "I've had insecurities myself and this was something I could do to help others."

★ **BEN** Affleck doesn't believe in waiting until his baby daughter is born to read her a bedtime story. Each night, he reads to wife Jennifer Garner's stomach from his favourite kiddie book *The Velveteen Rabbit*.

SNOOP Dogg is marketing his own range of hot dogs. The hip hop star has lent his name to Foot Long Snoop Dogs, which will feature a picture of his face on the wrapper.

★ **PAUL** McCartney has not been singing *When I'm 64* on his current US tour - even though he reaches that milestone in just a few months. The rest of the set is filled with Beatles hits but Macca refuses to sing that one.

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ASTRONAUTSEXCLUSIVE
by MARK JEFFERIES

■ **CHANNEL 4** bosses had to travel to Russia with a £1million shopping list for new reality show *Space Cadets*. The programme will try to pull off the biggest hoax in TV history by pretending to blast three unsuspecting wannabe space tourists from Earth, like the 1978 movie *Capricorn One*.

And they'll use a mass of special effects and a shuttle used in feature films to see if they can pull it off.

■ But to make it work, they have to persuade the contestants they're being trained in a Russian space centre - which is in fact a disused British military base. And that meant turning everything Russian at the camp.

Production designer Patrick Watson travelled with a team of helpers to buy a huge list of items:

- Russian computer technology.
- 217 Russian signs for the buildings and road signs around the camp.
- More than 100 Russian socket plugs to replace British ones.
- A wardrobe of Russian uniforms for all the workers at the site.
- 60 Russian DVDs.
- 30 Russian manhole covers.
- 120 Russian light bulbs.
- Thousands of Russian food, drink and bath care products, as well as stacks of cigarettes.

Secret

Nine hopefuls, who are being kept at secret locations around the world so they won't know about the hoax, will try to win one of three seats on the shuttle.

Back in the UK they will fly off in a private jet, thinking they are bound for Russia.

■ But in reality it will fly in circles for four hours before landing again at the secret UK military base made to look like a Russian space centre.

Executive producer Shirley Jones said: "We did some research into Star City, where astronauts are trained in Russia, and there were huge similarities in the appearance of it. It's an ideal place."

"But we have had to change every plug socket, manhole cover and light bulb."

■ "We've been over to Russia and literally emptied the supermarkets of food, toilet paper, matches, cigarettes, anything from a vending machine."

Space Cadets starts on December 7 on Channel 4 and will run for ten nights, hosted by Johnny Vaughan.

The cadets will receive £5,000 for every day they spend on the show. They will be assessed by experts who will decide who should be booted off.



WATCH THIS SPACE: Johnny, the secret base and a mock-up control room

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TALKING TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Patsy in Notting Hill yesterday

Hot Patsy coins it in the Dales

EMMERDALE superbitch Patsy Kensit has become soap's highest paid star after signing a new £500,000 pay deal.

The actress, who plays ruthless Sadie King, was offered the contract after rumours she was about to quit. Patsy, 37, has now agreed to stay on for at least two years.

An Emmerdale source said: "There was no way they were going to let Patsy go. They were determined to hold on to her whatever the cost."

"Her character is extremely popular and has been involved in some of the biggest storylines since she joined the cast."

Explosive

"Getting such an important actor to agree to stay on is always something to celebrate. Everyone is over the moon."

"The scriptwriters have already been looking ahead to next spring and have been planning even more explosive storylines for her character."

Patsy's new deal beats that given to Ross Kemp to return to EastEnders as hardman Grant Mitchell.

His £500,000 pay packet includes conditions

that he must star in a string of other BBC1 dramas.

Single mum-of-two Patsy has been in Emmerdale for 18 months.

She has featured in some of the ITV1 show's most sensational plots, including her sabotaging her father-in-law Tom's wedding to Charity Dingle and seducing teenage mechanic Robert Sugden.

The insider added: "There has definitely been a transformation since Patsy's arrival."

"Her character has helped boost ratings and the next year will be no different."

"Sadie is such an important character. Her scheming has had viewers hooked and the fact that she's decided to stay on is brilliant for the show."

"She really has given bosses an early Christmas present."

Patsy, the ex-wife of Oasis star Liam Gallagher, has been acting since the age of three and has starred in 40 films, including Lethal Weapon 2 with Mel Gibson.

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SEDUCER: Sexy Sadie with Robert Sugden

Rome alone Jamie fears

JAMIE Oliver admits his latest telly marathon has cooked up problems for his marriage.

The chef, who is seen this week in Italy celebrating his 30th birthday, said: "My wife is not particularly happy about the length of time I have been away. I'm not either but I know I'm going to be a better husband because of it."

The final episode of Jamie's Great Escape will be on Channel 4 on Wednesday night at 8.30pm.



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CANCER BITES BACK AT ANDY

FORMER Hollyoaks star Andy Newton is facing a new cancer scare.

The 24-year-old has found seven more lumps he fears could be deadly malignant melanoma.

Andy, who played student Robbie Flynn in the teen soap, was devastated when docs told him he was suffering from the disease in August.

He blamed his skin cancer on sunbeds and has been trying to warn other tanning fans about the risks.

Last week the Hull-born

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by EMMA SHANKLAND

actor had a biopsy on a fresh mark and tests revealed it contained more cancer cells.

And now Andy's spotted another six areas he fears could be cancerous.

He told the Daily Star Sunday: "I'm so terrified. Now I just want every mark on my body removed."

"There are six others that I just cannot stop thinking about and I've asked the doctors to get rid of them all. I

don't care how many operations it takes but they say I must wait as it's a lot to put myself through."

Andy, who's hoping to land a role in American thriller series CSI, added: "People are desperate, like I was, to look fit and healthy and that is associated with having a good tan."

Outbreak

"But look at Charlotte Church or Sophie Dahl. They don't need to be bronzed to look great."

"I've no doubt that in ten years' time there will be an

outbreak of skin cancer as a hangover from the growing popularity of tanning beds.

"I will never go on them again. I can't even go in the sun any more."

"It just isn't worth a possible death sentence."

Andy who lives in London but also rents a Hollywood apartment while trying to break America, said: "This whole thing has been devastating for me and my family."

"I had the first malignant melanoma on my left leg removed in September and then later had a skin graft as it had left a lot of scarring."



TESTS: Andy had lump checked

Sleeping booty...

BANGKOK police have warned British tourists against kissing pretty Thai "girls" in the street.

They say they could end up being drugged by a transvestite thief.

Members of a cross-dressing gang have confessed to hiding sedative pills under their tongues and spitting them down the throats of their victims while kissing.

The unwitting tourists then wake up hours later with their cash and valuables missing.

"We are adding one more warning for tourists: Don't rush to kiss a stranger on the mouth or you will end up in a deep sleep," said police chief Akachai Chaicharoen.

MOTT
SHOT
 JACK WHITE has given his clearest hint yet that *The White Stripes* may hang up their instruments soon. The gifted axeman, 30, who's made no secret of his dissatisfaction with the music industry, said: "We're running out of things to do, places to play, and air for our lungs."



JOE MOTT'S AWARD WINNING HOT

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Cracking stuff from the Girls

MMMM. I know where I'd like to go for my Christmas dinner. And I'm sure that there'll be plenty of stuffing on the menu round at Chery, Nadine, Sarah, Kimberley and Nicola's gaff once Santa has dropped his goodies off.

So here, then, is the delightfully seasonal cover art for my favourite fivesome's forthcoming collection of Christmas songs.

It will come as a bonus CD with initial pressings of their new album *Chemistry*.

I'm sure that it will be cracking.

Starsailor, Brixton Academy, London

CAUGHT LIVE

THEY'VE been away for a while but Chorley four-piece Starsailor still have loads of loyal followers.

And lead singer James Walsh evidently thrives on the frenzied adoration from his congregation. He strutted round stage belting out classics like *Alcoholic*, *Fever* and *Poor Misguided Fool* before moving onto new tracks in *My Blood* and forthcoming single *This Time*. And by the time Walsh reached the finale with anthem *Silence Is Easy*, the blissed-out fans were bellowing his lyrics back at him.

They're not making much of an impression on the charts any more but, with audiences this fanatical, there's likely to be plenty of wind in their sails for some time to come.

LINDA HARRISON



Rachel, you are awful...

HANDBAGS, ladies. Catty Jo O'Meara has branded her ex-*Sci-Fi Channel* bandmate Rachel Stevens, above, "awful".

Jo, 26, handed out the damning judgment at a showbiz bash hosted by Popworld presenter Simon Amstell.

The corkscrew-haired pundit asked Jo what she thought of Rachel and she replied: "I think she's awful."

A guest at the Barbados Bowl Over Ball in London told me: "Everyone was shocked Jo said such a thing, especially in front of 400 people."

"They always seemed to have been such great friends, but there appears to be no love lost between them now."

Robbie is a trillionaire

ROBBIE Williams has smashed box office records around the globe as his 2006 tour sold out in record time.

A million tickets were snapped up in just three hours yesterday morning as phone lines went into meltdown and web servers crashed due to the extraordinary demand.

Extra dates were added by the hour as tickets for his tour, which will take him from South Africa to Europe, went in the blink of an eye.

So great was the demand in the UK that the Robster will now play

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an unprecedented five nights at Wembley Arena, kicking off on September 14. All 350,000 tickets for the five dates sold out in an astonishing three hours.

Two nights at Glasgow's Hampden Park as well as the two nights at Leeds Roundhay Park also went as fast as lightning.

Robbie's amazing feat has

confirmed him as the top solo artist of his generation

Ticketless Robbie fans were last night given some hope. Promoters are trying to secure a number of additional British shows.

Ian Huffman, Robbie's tour agent, told me: "It is simply astonishing - this is the hottest tour ever."

Robbie is sunning himself in Mexico at the moment but will be back here at the end of the month to promote his big Christmas single *Advertising Space*.

Pras wants a UK OK

PRAS Michel will scrap the *Fugees* reunion if their British comeback shows go badly.

The legendary hip hop outfit of Wyclef Jean, Lauren Hill and Pras have barely spoken to each other for a decade but have put aside their differences to try to recapture the magic that saw them produce the biggest-selling

rap album of all time in 1996 with *The Score*.

But if shows in Manchester on December 13 and London the following two nights aren't a success Pras will quit.

He said: "We haven't performed together for almost ten years so it's nerve-wracking. We would all walk away if things don't go well."

MOTT

PAUL McCartney stunned listeners when he won a radio phone-in quiz about his new album. He rang brother Mike to tell them his photo and Macca then stayed on line to give a 20-minute impromptu interview.

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Fleiss pot for babes

CELEBRITY madam Heidi Fleiss is set to open a brothel – for women.

The “stud farm” will be staffed by hunky men charging £145 an hour for their services.

Fleiss, 39, said: “I am going to have the sexiest men on Earth.”

She said she has struck a deal with a licensed brothel owner in Nevada to open the Heidi Fleiss Stud Farm next year.

Fleiss was convicted in 1997 of tax evasion in connection with her prostitution network after supplying call girls to some of the world’s richest men.

Actor Charlie Sheen testified at her trial, admitting he blew thousands to hire her escorts.

She was released from a California prison in 1999 after serving 21 months.

DISH OLD TOWN

THE sleepy Texan town of Clark has officially changed its name to Dish City after striking a deal with a satellite TV company.

Come home Borat, all is forgiven

ALI G star Sacha Baron Cohen has been forgiven for taking the mick out of Kazakhstan.

And his controversial character Borat, a Kazakh journalist, has actually been hailed a hero for boosting tourism in the country.

The prankster got himself into boiling water when he hosted the MTV Europe Awards earlier this month as Borat.

His performance, which saw him claim

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that one of the country’s main pastimes was rape, led to the Kazakh Foreign Ministry threatening legal action.

But the Daily Star Sunday can reveal the 34-year-old Londoner has now been forgiven.

And he’s even been offered an invite to the country after it

emerged that more people than ever are applying to go there, having been inspired by Borat.

And thanks to my trip to the Kazakhstan Embassy in London dressed in his trademark nylon suit and droopy moustache, Borat can take them up on the offer as we’ve applied for a visa on his behalf.

Boom

An embassy official said: “More people are applying for visas to Kazakhstan than ever.”

“Tourism is booming and there are more business trips every year.”

“It seemed unfortunate this man portrayed our country in that way but we think only stupid people believed him. It

seems that many are intrigued by him and he’s introduced them to the country.”

Kazakhstan, which became independent from the Soviet Union in 1991, has a population of just over 15million and a rapidly growing economy based on huge oil reserves.

But in various sketches Borat Sagdiev, who bought his wife for 30 litres of insecticide, has portrayed the country as being full of uneducated peasants whose pastimes, as well as rape, include goat punching, gipsy-catching and drinking horse urine.

The comic sparked outrage at the Lisbon

awards bash by arriving in an Air Kazakh plane with a one-eyed pilot clutching a bottle of vodka.

But Kazakhstan officials had the good grace to accept our visa application despite it clearly being under the name of the comic character.

The official added: “There will be no legal action against Mr

Cohen. Our country is a democratic nation and we recognise the right for freedom of speech.

“We understand that it is satire and it appears his target is not the Kazakh people but foreigners stupid enough to believe all this rubbish about our country.”



G WHIZ: Our man Borat – err, Andy – gets his visa from the Kazakhstan Embassy in London. Below, Sacha Baron Cohen’s cult character

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DOUBLE TAKE: Andy waits at the embassy

10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT KAZAKHSTAN

- 1 Kazakhstan is almost as big as Western Europe. It is the ninth biggest country in the world.
- 2 President Nursultan A. Nazarbayev has ruled since independence. His last election victory was in 1999.
- 3 It is still common practice for a man to have more than one wife, although it is illegal.
- 4 The word Kazakh means “independent” or “wanderer”.
- 5 Kazakhs love boxing. They won two golds and two silvers in the sport in the 2000 Olympics.
- 6 A popular sport is kokpar. Described as a precursor to polo, a dead headless goat is used instead of a ball.
- 7 To mark a nuclear test range closing in 2001, celeb Tugelbek Kasymov cycled from Moscow to Rome.
- 8 Inns serve two traditional tipples – fermented camel’s milk (kumyr) or fermented mare’s milk (kermis).
- 9 The national dish is beshbarmak – boiled horse flesh on a plate of thick noodles.
- 10 The traditional way to marry is for a man to kidnap a woman then negotiate a dowry with her parents.

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Pair are first to score under new wedding law

MATCH OF THE GAY

GAY lovers Don Rainbow and Malcolm Higgs are gearing up to be the first same-sex couple to officially tie the knot in Britain.

From December 21, gay couples will be able to get spliced in civil ceremonies, giving them the same rights as heterosexual couples.

The pair will "marry" at 8am at Richmond Register Office in Surrey, making them the first to say "I do" under the new law.

Ex-drag queen Don, 46, now a council worker from Shepperton, Middlesex, said: "I can't wait until Malcolm and I tie the knot. It will be a dream come true for both of us."

"We went down the road of having a ceremony and signing the partnership register two years ago, when gay partnerships were about to be legalised."

"But then when the House of Lords threw out the gay partnerships Bill, we were back to square one."

Thrilled

"We are absolutely thrilled that the Government has finally realised gay partnerships are as valid as heterosexual ones and we wanted to be the first couple to make use of the new rules."

Don and Malcolm, 39, a business manager, met ten years ago in gay bar the Richmond Arms.

They struck up a friendship when Don was having a birthday party and invited Malcolm, who was new to the area, to join in.

The pair remained pals as Malcolm began working behind the pub bar.

When Don began touring pubs and clubs as a drag act, Malcolm offered to be his driver. But it took them three years to realise their feelings for each other and finally become a couple.

The pair are "marrying" in a glittering winter wonderland-themed ceremony with 30 guests and will be wearing matching hand-made silk suits in burgundy and gold.

"We decided against having bridesmaids - because neither of us is the bride!" laughed Don.

"Instead we're having a ring bearer for our specially hand-engraved rings with seven diamonds each, symbolising the number of years we've been together as a couple."

After the civil partnership ceremony, conducted by registrar Mrs Win Whiting, the couple will be whisked off



SPICE OF LIFE: Don, left, and Malcolm look forward to saying "I do" at their home in Shepperton

Picture: PAUL STEWART

EXCLUSIVE by VICKY LISSAMAN

to the London Eye for a champagne reception, followed by a knees-up at the Holiday Inn in Shepperton.

Meanwhile, thousands of gay couples have been flocking to the Modern Life Show, the UK's largest gay wedding and lifestyle exhibition, taking place this weekend at the Business Design Centre in Islington, north London.

By 2010, the Government anticipates 22,000 same-sex unions will have taken place - including Elton John, who is widely expected to marry his lover David Furnish soon. However, critics

have spoken out against the new law.

Tory MP and author Ann Widdecombe said: "I believe marriage should be kept unique and it can't be if you start giving it out wholesale to other groups."

The Civil Partnerships Act will give gay couples the same property and inheritance rights as heterosexual married couples, plus pension, immigration and tax advantages.

Britain is the fifth country to approve "gay weddings" following Holland, Canada, Belgium and Spain.



HITCH: The couple's 2003 gay ceremony



FACING TRIAL: Spector

Phil to marry lover

MUSIC legend Phil Spector will wed his new love if he beats a murder charge.

The 67-year-old has proposed to girlfriend Rachelle Short, 25, as he prepares to stand trial over the shooting of lover Lana Clarkson.

Spector, whose trial begins in Los Angeles in January, claims Clarkson committed suicide after "kissing" his revolver.

The producer, whose Wall of Sound technique revolutionised pop, has told friends his imminent trial is taking a "terrible toll".

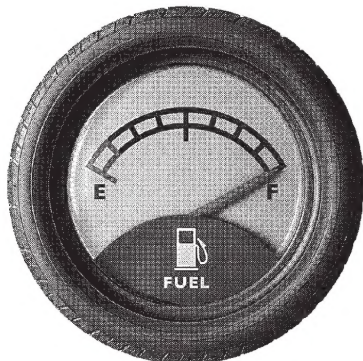
His new girlfriend's mum Karen McDonald said: "I think they're trying to ruin him and I'm looking forward to him being cleared and becoming my son-in-law. They're very much in love."

Jelly bad show...

VEGETARIANS have voted Basset's jelly babies and Guinness the most offensive products on sale.

The sweets, introduced to mark the end of the First World War, may still be popular with children but the Vegetarian Society has condemned them because they contain animal gelatin.

And Guinness gets the thumbs-down because a substance used in the brewing process is made from fish bladders.



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FOUL-MOUTHED: Pink

Pink's a noisy barker

ROCKER Pink turned the air blue when she called her pet pooch in a Beverly Hills restaurant.

Diners were horrified when the rock chick started bellowing the dog's name "F**ker" when he strayed from her side. One said: "Suddenly she started screaming: 'F**ker! Here, F**ker! Come to Moma, F**ker!'"

"People were almost choking on their food. There were kids at the tables but she didn't care."

"It was outrageous - and nobody had the nerve to tell her to shut up."

Waiters eventually found the mongrel and returned him to the 26-year-old.

A spokesman for the singer said: "I have no knowledge of this incident. She does have a dog but I'm not sure what he's called."



DRIVING OUT EVIL: Tom Wilkinson as the priest and Jennifer Carpenter as Emily Rose take part in an exorcism rite

DEVIL



TRAGIC: Real-life victim Anneliese Michel

A SHOCKING new Hollywood horror flick is set to cause a hell of a stir in Britain.

The Exorcist Of Emily Rose topped the US box office charts, taking a record £16.5million in its opening weekend.

But it also sparked a chilling rise in demand for the services of exorcists across the States. Now the terrifying movie is expected to have a similar effect when it opens here on Friday.

And British exorcists are anticipating brisk business as awareness of possible evil spirits is heightened.

Even the Catholic Church - which for decades has drawn a veil of secrecy over the subject - has again been forced to confront the issue.

Demons

Last month, 120 priests and theologians signed up for a Vatican-sponsored course on exorcism in Rome. And the church's ranks of official exorcists has now swollen to more than 400.

In internet polls, audiences in America have voted

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MIKE PARKER in LA

the film far more disturbing than 1973 shocker The Exorcist, about a young girl gruesomely tormented by multiple demons.

And actress Laura Linney, who stars in the movie, agrees with them.

She says: "Audiences were sent reeling by The Exorcist because nobody had ever seen anything like it and it was totally in your face."

"The Exorcist Of Emily Rose is vastly different because the evil is more suggested at and felt rather than thrown at you."

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OF A JOB

Exorcists on red alert as horror flick arrives in UK

jump out of your seats as often but it will send you home thinking, "Maybe there's really something in this..."

The film tells the story of a 19-year-old student, played by Jennifer Carpenter, who is exorcised of evil spirits by a Catholic priest.

Father Moore – played by Full Monty star Tom Wilkinson – is charged with negligent homicide for allowing Emily to die.

The reason the flick has generated so much demand for real exorcisms is that it is based on fact.

And it goes back to the last time the Catholic Church officially recognised a demonic possession.

That was the case of a 16-year-old German girl, Anneliese Michel, who in 1968 began suffering convulsions and seeing and hearing demons.

Doctors diagnosed epilepsy and treated her with drugs but they were powerless to stop her terrible visions. By the time she was 21 and a student at the University of Wurzburg, Anneliese would eat only insects and coal and drank only her own urine.

Scream

She would scream for hours, destroy religious items, strip naked in public and mutilate her own body.

In 1974 her desperate parents sought the help of their Catholic bishop.

And an official investigation indicated she was possessed by, among others, Lucifer, Judas and Hitler.

The church sanctioned two priests, Pastor Ernst Alt and Father Arnold Renz, to begin the rite of exorcism.

And for a year until July 1976, she went through a series of rituals where, according to court documents, "her knees ruptured due to the 600 genuflections she performed obsessively

during the exorcism". By the time of her final exorcism rite on June 30, 1976, Anneliese weighed just five stones and was suffering from pneumonia.

She turned to her mother and said: "I'm afraid." Then she died aged just 23.

Charged

The two priests and her parents were charged with negligent homicide.

Witnesses for the defence – who had been with Anneliese throughout the exorcism ordeal – testified they had absolutely no doubt the girl had been possessed by demons.

But the defendants were found guilty and handed a six-month jail sentence.

Today, people from all over the world flock to Anneliese's grave in her home town of Leifling in Bavaria to pay their respects.

The movie also affected those involved during filming in Vancouver, Canada.

Love Actually star Laura, 41, plays the priest's defence attorney and she revealed that at one point – in an uncanny copy of scenes she was shooting – electrical appliances in her hotel room began switching themselves on and off.

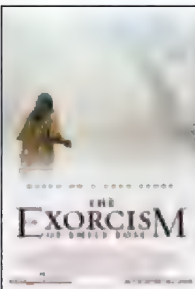
She said: "Three or four times, the TV set just crackled on of its own accord. Then it would flicker off."

"The experience was creepy because it mirrored what we'd been acting out during the day."

"Before starting work on Emily I didn't believe in demonic possession. I was a firm sceptic. Now I have an open mind."

"What makes this case chilling is that there are no streams of green vomit, no revolving heads."

"But there are some deeply disturbing facts that make you think this poor girl may well have been taken over by something truly terrible."



CHILLER: The movie poster



HORRIFYING: Emily Rose screams during one of her convulsions, said to be caused by demonic possession. But the priest, Father Moore, below, is found guilty of negligent homicide after she dies aged just 23



The daily struggle with evil

■ EVERY day, clerics throughout Britain are carrying out exorcisms.

And one church minister in the south of England – charged with tackling the influence of evil spirits – says it has gone on for 2,000 years.

Speaking exclusively to the Daily Star Sunday on condition of anonymity, he said: "Like Jesus, we don't go looking for evil spirits but when they manifest themselves we face them."

■ "This side of our work is not uncommon. Often a spirit will manifest itself in a violent shriek. That is the most common way but it does differ."

"People can find spirituality in all kinds of ways. Some people find it in God but others look into unhealthy areas such as the occult. I would say true spirituality comes through God."

■ He added: "Sometimes people say they feel like they have a black cloud hanging over them and feel oppressed."

Pray

"When we pray for people they often say they feel like something has been lifted off them."

"That is a gentle example of my work. But in other cases things have been more full on."

■ "In one recent case I had to visit a lady who had been involved in witchcraft."

"She had become mentally disturbed and was very afraid of her past. She recognised the power in the witchcraft and asked us to help."

"We prayed for her and she was released. That was several years ago. We got rid of her demonic influence and now she is a Christian and has been baptised."

■ "Sometimes people become fascinated by the devil but what they forget is that God is more powerful."

The minister says he has noticed a surge in interest in spirituality in recent years.

He added: "Science has not provided them with answers and people are still searching for the truth. They are now turning to spirituality."

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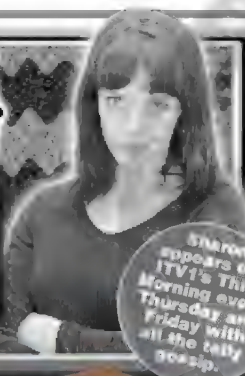
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SWITCH OVER

● MAKING Slough Happy (Part 2, Tuesday, BBC2, 9pm). Oh sod it, just leave it sad. Life's too short. Switch over to CSI: Miami on C5 instead.



TEN YEARS AFTER: From left, Jason Orange, Mark Owen, Gary Barlow and Howard Donald are reunited

PLATT-ABOY

AFTER a month lost in pantoland and plots ripped from The Bill, Corrie is once more back on top form (weekdays, ITV1).

Jack P Shepherd is fabulous as the young David Platt, right, who – quite understandably – is horrified at the thought of spending his life marooned with Gail.

I'm loving the Violet/Sarah love triangle with Jason, the twins were almost bearable and Carol's bed-wetting and breakdown were fantastically well done. Even Jimmi Harkishin (Dev) was quite good.

There was only one thing that left me cold – realising these are some of the last scenes with Shobna Gulati (Sunita). They're mad to make her go.



Memo

CAROL in Corrie (ITV1):

Good to see that despite your emotional breakdown, your battle with alcoholism and your fight to cling on to your son, you still had time to get your roots done midweek.

LITTLE Britain was alright (Thursday, BBC1) – but the problem was, it's got so much hype you'd think it was the Second Coming. It was so much more fun smugly doing "Computer says no" impressions in the office when it was quietly tucked away on BBC 3 and not everyone had seen it.

Take that for a flaw show!

I NEVER really like it when your long-term heroes show their flaws.

Personally, I've always held that George Michael's toilet incident was all just a terrible misunderstanding.

And I stuck my fingers in my ears when there was all that talk of The Hoff's alcoholism.

So I was going to avoid Take That: For The Record (Wednesday, ITV1) in case they'd all grown old and fat and spent the whole time slating one another.

Perhaps it would be better to leave it at that point in 1996 when Gary Barlow smiled through his tears at the press conference and wished Robbie the best of luck.

On the other hand – as an invite arrived to the screening, pointing out there would be a free bar and that Howard, Gary, Jason and Mark would all be in attendance – I thought, Never Forget and all that, and trotted along.

It was all a bit disturbing. Those clips of their old vids, with their bare bottoms smothered with jelly



YOUNG GUNS: As they were, with Robbie Williams, left

and being smacked with a broom, made me realise I'd spent many formative years worshipping a band that was clearly targeted at gay men. (But then, as I said, I also still believe everything I read in Smash Hits about George Michael and refuse to believe the tabloids' version.)

Besides, I wasn't alone. And at least I wasn't as obsessed as that Vicky Pollard-a-like, who admitted to having taught her child to say

"Daddy!" every time Gary Barlow came on screen.

I loved this documentary.

IS that Doc ever going to do any work in Emmerdale? Never mind! Inexplicably spending all your time weeping mad Steph... there's people dying out there (weekdays, ITV1).

It was one of the funniest trips down memory lane, as Robbie recalled having had to beg his mum to disappear so he could look tough at his audition. But for a former Take That-er, it was also tough to watch Howard talking about suicidal feelings and the almost still-gorgeous Jason clearly messed up and banging on

about his insomnia. The group at least had the guts to be honest about their downfall. The drugs, the depression, Robbie's daily bottle-and-a-half of vodka and, of course, the depraved acts with hordes of groupies, which – most shockingly of all – may possibly have included Lulu.

They may all be secretly seething over Robbie's success but that ending, as they met up once more, has got to have brought tears to the most hardened TV viewer. Even New Kids On The Block fans.

Snog

I, of course, attended the screening as the hardened professional hack I am these days and acquitted myself with dignity and grace at the after-show party.

But a quick note to the security team who pitched up in the video to claim they could easily guard the boys against their crazed fans. Yeah right. Just like to point out I easily got past you on the night and got all four autographs.

And got a snog off Mark Owen.

TV TURN-OFF

● MACBETH (BBC1, Monday). Bard Rigid.
● LOST (Wednesday, C4). Look, less of these angst-ridden flashbacks of Sawyer avenging his mother's killer. Just stick to the shots of him naked in the sea. Thanks.

MAKING Slough Happy (Tuesday, BBC2). We learned Richard Stephens, below, "is one of the most experienced and knowledgeable psychologists in the UK. And boy...is he happy!" And barking mad, judging by that shot of him skipping through the trees.

After that it reckoned one of the secrets of lifelong joy was switching off the telly – so I didn't make it through to the end to see if Slough was any happier or not.

ON a related Slough note, a sick day on Tuesday watching the vastly improved Des Lynam on Countdown (C4) offered up the fact that "sloughing" dead skin is pronounced "sluffing". So, come friendly bombs and fall on Sluff...

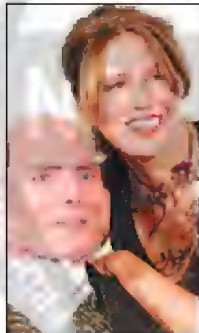


TV TURN-ON

● THOSE Burger King ads with the cows proudly wandering around carrying hamburger ads. Sick but hilarious.

● THE X Factor (Saturday, ITV1). The Conways sulking. Louis' lousy decisions. Chico desperately whoring himself to the Press and on the stage...got to admit, it beats Zoe Ball in a frock over on the Beeb.

A NEW SUPERMAN FOR SAD DANA



BATTLE: Dana with Reeve

THE widow of Superman star Christopher Reeve has found a new love to help her fight a desperate battle against lung cancer.

Actress Dana Reeve, 44, has fallen for a man who has become "her rock" as she undergoes crippling chemotherapy, according to friends.

And her father, Charles Morosini, said: "Her tumour has shrunk dramatically, I'm hoping she'll be the poster girl for lung cancer when she survives this ordeal."

Friends and family have been anxious to shield Dana from publicity by keeping her

■ by MIKE PARKER in L.A.

new man's identity a secret. But one pal revealed: "Just as Dana was a tower of strength for Christopher during his nine years in a wheelchair, her new man is a rock for her."

Paralysed

"He's helping her with whatever needs to be done in everyday life and he's there as a shoulder for her to cry on."

Dana, who has never smoked, revealed she was ill in August – just ten months after Christopher died aged 52. He lost his battle to recover from a riding accident that left him paralysed from the neck down.

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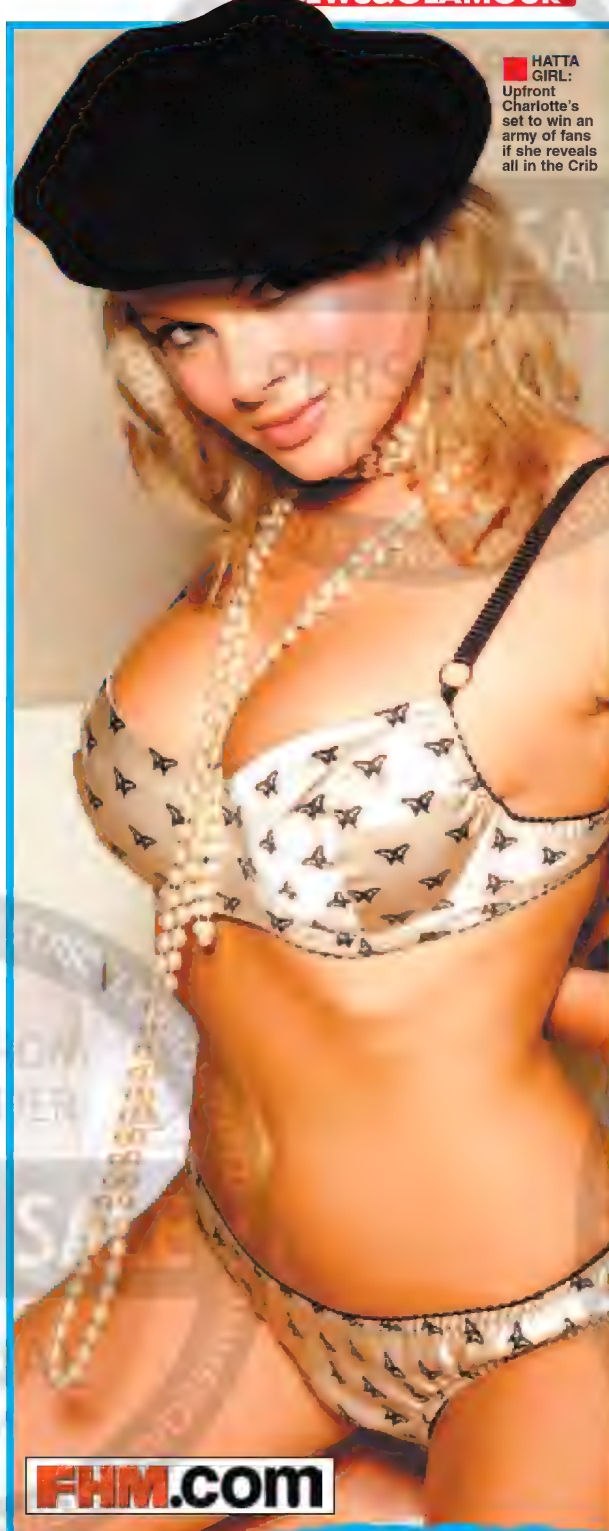
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NEWS & GLAMOUR



HATTA GIRL:
Upright Charlotte's set to win an army of fans if she reveals all in the Crib

FHM.com

Char's beret naughty

■ CANDY Crib fans be warned – surly Charlotte Marshall is set to take the house by storm.

The busty 30E newcomer is looking forward to baring all for the fellas.

And she's hinted viewers are in for a treat by admitting she's no stranger to having sex in public.

■ FHM babe Charlotte, 20, from Colchester, Essex, revealed: "The most unusual place I've had sex is behind the bar at a pub. I used to work there so it was easy to get away with."

■ High Street Honey's 2004 finalist Charlotte is joining housemates like Big Brother babe Vanessa Nimmo, 27, and Daily Star Sunday fave Natalie Oxley, 19.

Viewers watching the girls living side by side online 24/7 see them taking part in photo shoots, keeping trim in exercise classes and chilling out.

■ The sexy show, available only on the internet, is driving fans wild. You can keep up with all the action at www.candycub.com

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NEIL SEAN'S THE BIZ

HE KNOWS WHAT THE STARS ARE UP TO



Hair to dye for

THERE really is no end to the vanity of **GAVIN "hair-do" HENSON**. The rugby ace admitted to me recently he is expecting his luscious locks to go grey any day now thanks to family genes, adding: "I think that grey is OK as all of my family went grey pretty quick. When it happens to me, though, I will dye it."



BANANARAMA might have re-formed but they're still missing a third of their 80s girl band and rumour has it ex-Spice Girl **EMMA BUNTON** could be the missing link. After the release of their new album **Drama**, **KEREN WOODWARD** revealed: "Emma to us is most like we were back in the 80s. She's got a good voice and is out for a good time too."

AFTER failing to keep her promise to quit pop if her last single **Electric** didn't make it to the Top Ten, ex Steps star **LISA SCOTT LEE** is planning yet another comeback - as a Eurovision song contest hopeful. She told me: "People may snigger but some people have had a lot of success in the very same contest."

GUY RITCHIE and **MADONNA** could be planning a double act to rival **Sonny and Cher**. The gangster movie director revealed: "I can tinkle the piano well and like to relax by playing the guitar. I'm nowhere near as good as the missus but I do enjoy it."



JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE is so in awe of Coldplay's **CHRIS MARTIN** that he desperately tried but failed to copy him while penning his new album. He admits: "I did sit down and try to write tunes like him - his stuff totally blows me away - but unless he writes for me I guess I won't ever come close to the guy. He's a genius."

JADE GOODY's foot was once again lodged firmly in her mouth when she insulted the handful of fans who snapped up her exercise video by admitting she'd never buy a "boring" celebrity workout tape. She said: "It's like, you buy it, stick it on a few times, get bored and then chuck it out or give it to the charity shop, so why bother?"

HOLLYWOOD honey **LINDSAY LOHAN** is so sick of critics claiming she has an eating disorder that she's decided to show all the skeletons in her closet - by posing in the buff. She even insists the top US mag keeps airbrushing to a minimum so fans can see the real thing.



KINKY couple **ANTONIO BANDERAS** and **MELANIE GRIFFITH** have revealed the secret of their happy marriage - the Mask of Zorro. The actor kept the mask after making the blockbuster and admits: "I do actually wear the Zorro mask at times when we are together and she loves it. You can work out the rest but I think she loves Zorro almost as much as me."

IS GERI HALLIWELL finally going to get her first big screen break since the Spice World movie? The Ginger beauty is in talks about starring in the new **Dallas** film - and with the father of her unborn child **SACHA GERVASI** writing it, she could be in luck.

OLD Page 3 favourite **SAM FOX** is about to make a comeback thanks to **Abba**. The busty blonde has just recorded her own version of the band's classic **The Winner Takes It All** and told my mole: "It's done differently to the band but fans seem to like it."

Catch Neil revealing more showbiz news daily on Sky News Sunrise at 7.45am, channel 501

■ CREEPY: The red weed attracts attention of a passer-by. Inset below, owner David McGarry



Weed that's out of this world

by **EMMA BAMFORD**

WAR Of The Worlds superfan David McGarry has really given his neighbours the creeps.

The 44-year-old has spent hundreds of pounds covering his house in red weed similar to that brought to Earth by the aliens in the HG Wells novel, now a blockbuster movie.

But other residents claim the creeper - part real plant turned red with dye and part plastic - is an eyesore.

And they have reported him to the local council in a bid to get him slapped with an ASBO.

Next-door neighbour Barbara Smith said: "He has taken things too far."

"It's all very well liking a film but not when it affects other people. His weed has started growing over our house."

Another neighbour said: "It's ugly and it brings down the whole street."

"Hopefully the council will threaten him with an ASBO and then he'll have to remove it."

Homage

But Mr McGarry, of Kenton, Middlesex, said: "I've been HG Wells mad for as long as I can remember and I just thought it would be a homage to the War Of The Worlds."

"I know my neighbours think that I am mad - I've already got a reputation for it. Obviously some of them think it's going to take over Kenton."



Sexy Danni in the doghouse

STAR FORGETS VET'S BILL

BABE Danniella Westbrook is being hounded over an unpaid vet's bill.

The busty actress, who recently patched up her marriage problems with hubby Kevin Jenkins, is facing legal action after a slip-up over her address.

Danniella, 32, had her beloved doberman Della treated for a mystery illness over the summer.

But the vets sent the former **EastEnders** star - who recently moved into a £1.3million home in Kent - bills to her old address.

And when the practice hadn't received payment - despite a string of warning letters - it decided to take her to court.

Now Danniella, whose hubby is a multi-millionaire, has been told her credit rating could be hit if a county court judgment is made against her. A source

EXCLUSIVE
by **SUSAN HILL**

said: "Della was treated at Park Vets close to Danniella's old home in Longfield, Kent."

"But she recently moved and the vets couldn't get hold of her."

Courts

"They had no choice but to go through the courts."

The source added: "It's not as if they haven't the money to pay - it was only a few hundred pounds."

"They are currently in the process of sorting it all out."

Danniella admitted her marriage was in crisis last month after Kevin caught her phoning an old flame.

But the couple patched things up on a sunshine break to Florida.



HAPPY AGAIN: Danniella has patched up her differences with Kevin

Yobs 'too drunk' to be fined

EXCLUSIVE ■ by EMMA BAMFORD

ON-THE-SPOT fines for binge drinkers will fail – because offenders will be too drunk.

That's the verdict of one police officer on the new £80 fixed penalties.

The officer said: "It's absolutely crackers. We can't issue on-the-spot fines to somebody who is intoxicated."

"We've therefore got to arrest them and take them into custody, taking an officer off the street for about an hour and reducing public safety. It has then got to be dealt with the following morning when they are sober."

He added: "They've got to be able to understand what they're signing for."

"In a perfect world it would be nice to be able to deal with them on the street."

"But when you try talking to these people and advise them to get a taxi home they just get aggressive and argumentative."

Violence

The fixed penalty notices are being brought in as the licensing laws are relaxed – allowing thousands of pubs to open for 24 hours – from Thursday.

But the officer warned: "It's not going to prevent people going out to get blitzed."

"It is going to lead to more violence, more injuries and more lawlessness."

A Home Office spokesman confirmed last night: "Fines are issued to those who are capable of understanding what's going on. For others, another form of sanction may be necessary."

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Jolie nice treat

■ ACTRESS Angelina Jolie turned into Lara "scooped" when she stopped for snacks on a day out.

The smartly dressed 30-year-old took son Maddox, four, to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington.

She treated him to a packet of crisps as they strolled past a food stall – which the hungry pair no doubt made sure were "Gone in Sixty Seconds".

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BRITAIN'S only full-time ghostbuster wants to earn thousands of pounds for charity by hitting the Christmas No.1 spot. Dean Maynard, 33, of Northumberland, hopes to release his version of Ray Parker Jr's Ghostbusters for the Royal National Institute Of The Blind.

FLAMIN' EL

40-degree Med will be too hot to handle

YOUNG LOVE: Colin Farrell as British settler John Smith and newcomer Q'orianka Kilcher, who plays 11-year-old Pocahontas in movie The New World



SIZZLING temperatures in the Med next summer will make it too hot to holiday, claim weather experts.

Heatwaves are expected to top 40 degrees Centigrade and scientists predict the sun will be too intense for tourists to strip off.

They also reckon beaches could be destroyed as severe storms and rising sea levels wreck coastlines.

Now, the European travel industry fears Brits will head to milder climes for their dose of summer sunshine – or choose to stay on home soil.

Droughts

Locals in the Mediterranean are also said to be gearing up to holiday in cooler countries – with some even planning to move north during the summer months to avoid droughts or forest fires.

The surge in temperatures is predicted across the north-west of the Mediterranean Sea, affecting tourist hotspots in the southern resorts of Italy, the south of France, Greece and the Balearics.

The holiday islands of Sardinia and Corsica could be the worst affected.

A summer of drought this year sparked savage forest fires across southern Europe with Portugal, Spain and France hit hardest.

Dr David Viner from the Climate Research Unit and the University of East Anglia said: "As a result of increasing temperatures most of the Mediterranean coastal areas will become unsuitable for tourism during the summer months."

Resorts

Dr Viner said the forecast had dramatic implications for the tourism industry, including:

- Less water available in semi-arid destinations.
- Rising sea levels in the Med which could damage the quality of beaches and cut off holiday resorts and transport links.
- The ski season becoming shorter as temperatures in



SCORCHER: Bikini babes may suffer

EXCLUSIVE
by VICKY LISSAMAN

Alpine regions such as Austria, Switzerland, France and Italy soar, leaving less snow for holidaymakers.

Tom Jenkins, executive director of the European Tour Operators Association said: "Climate change is becoming an ever more important issue for the tourism industry as a whole."

"It has the potential to shape demand and all facets of travel could be influenced."

In 2003, more than 25,000

deaths across Europe – many of them in Paris – were attributed to a heatwave that struck during the months of July and August.

Back in Britain, conservationists warn climate change is already having an impact on wildlife.

"Our changing climate is already affecting a wide range of migratory species," said Humphrey Crick, from the British Trust for Ornithology.



INNOCENCE: 15-year-old Q'orianka

Col under-age love row

RELIGIOUS groups have called on cinema-goers to shun Colin Farrell's new movie in which he takes an under-age lover.

The New World tells the real-life story of Pocahontas – last the subject of a flick in a cleaned-up Disney animated movie in 1995.

In that version she is a young native American who falls for handsome British settler John Smith.

But in reality Pocahontas – which means "naughty one" in the language of the Powhatan Indians – was just 11 when she met John Smith. Six years later she was taken captive by the

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English who only agreed to release her from prison if she married one of Smith's friends.

In the film, which sees Farrell play John Smith, Pocahontas is played by 15-year-old newcomer Q'orianka Kilcher.

Angry

And already some religious groups have complained to movie bosses.

A source at makers New Line Cinema said: "There are some very angry people but it is a true story. They say that when the film opens

they will call for it to be boycotted. But Terrence Malick, the director, is unworried by the fury and reckons people won't stay away."

Actress Q'orianka has also backed Malick. She said: "There is a romantic relationship between my character and Colin's but it's so tastefully done. "The director captures a certain innocence and purity. It's so beautiful to watch."

Farrell, 29, said: "I don't even know if I'm in it. I'll have to wait and see the final cut."

Perfectionist Malick, 61, is said to be still tinkering with the movie.

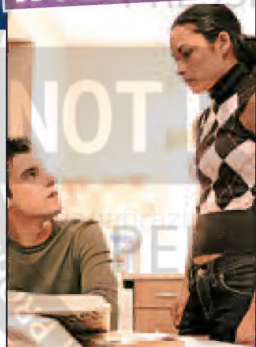
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FACE-OFF: Dannii confronts Sam

GUILT-EDGED SAM

STUDENT Sam Owen is left devastated when he realises the true torment of his best pal's date-rape victim.

Sam's twisted mate Andy, played by Warren Brown, spiked babe Dannii Carbone's drink before attacking her on a night out.

Loveable hunk Sam (Louis Tamone) wanted to talk to the police but kept quiet. And he's put on the spot when Dannii, his brother's girlfriend, confronts him about what he knows.

Dannii, actress Christina Bailey, tells him just how much she

has suffered since the attack. An insider said: "Sam has been going through it since Andy revealed he'd been using a date-rape drug to lure girls back to his place for sex."

"To Andy it was all so normal but Sam was shocked. So when Dannii asks him what he knows he is distraught."

"He knows he couldn't have stopped what happened but he could have made catching Andy a lot easier."

Fans of the C4 soap can catch the action a week on Wednesday.

Nurse Naomi has a double dose of lippy

KISS 'N' TELL 1



MOUTH-TO-MOUTH: Naomi snogs Garry...and kisses Sonia, inset

NURSE Naomi Julien locks lips with mechanic Garry Hobbs - hours after snogging best friend Sonia Fowler.

The babe, played by Petra Letang, offers her pal a shoulder to cry on when Sonia admits her marriage to Martin is on the rocks.

As the friends have an emotional heart to heart, smitten Naomi asks Sonia if she still loves the market trader.

And when Sonia, played by Natalie Cassidy, is unable to answer the question Naomi turns a hug into a passionate kiss.

She then declares her own love for the married brunette.

Sonia's shocked and rushes home to be with Martin, actor James Alexandrou, in a bid to forget about the kiss.

Meanwhile Naomi tries to cure her heartbreak over Sonia by bedding Garry - her new flatmate.

Viewers have seen the hapless mechanic, played by Ricky Groves, trying to tempt Naomi for weeks.

So when she agrees to dinner he pulls out all the stops to make the night as

EastEnders

romantic as possible. But, as our exclusive picture shows, as they get down to action on his bed Naomi quickly realises it's not Garry she wants.

An EastEnders insider said: "Naomi is completely in love with Sonia."

"Garry helps take her mind off Sonia's rejection but as soon as she realises he has serious feelings for her she backs off."

Baffled

"He's completely baffled by her actions as the evening was going so well."

"He has no idea where her true feelings lie and by the end of the night Naomi is in turmoil. She just doesn't know what to do."

"There's also the small matter of Sonia's husband Martin."

"If he finds out what his wife has been up to then all hell will break loose."

Viewer can catch Naomi's lesbian kiss a week tomorrow.

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